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*Emily and Alison Driftmier enjoy their coloring books on a winter afternoon.*





LETTER FROM LEANNA

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Dear Friends: Maitland, Florida.

Well, here we are back in central Florida.

We have driven for miles over the state but have decided that this central location suits us best. The temperature varies more here than it does on either coast, but we like the cool mornings and evenings in this part of the state.

We left Iowa just in time to miss the extremely cold weather, and we were also fortunate enough to miss the snow and ice in other sections that made travel difficult for friends who arrived after we got here. It seemed that all the way across the country we just missed by one day the bad weather that was following us!

Every day we scan the weather reports eagerly hoping for word of heavy snows in the Midwest where moisture is so badly needed. There seems to be some controversy as to how beneficial heavy snow really is, but when the water level begins to get as low as it has in countless areas, then I think we'll take the snow with all of its inconvenience.

Mart and I find it a never-ending pleasure to drive through the many beautiful residential areas of Orlando, Winter Park and Maitland. There are vast numbers of lovely quiet streets that are bordered with moss hung oaks and dotted with pink and white azaleas. There are literally hundreds of lakes in this part of Florida, and the resultant moisture in the air helps to produce the most large and colorful flowers that we have ever seen anywhere.

Until I studied our map the other day I didn't realize that Florida is about 100 miles farther south than California. There is a lot of rainfall during the summer months but we have had only one real heavy rain since we have been here. The soil is sandy so it soaks right into the ground.

On some mornings there is a little fog until about nine o'clock or the sky is overcast until about eleven, but then the fleecy white clouds scurry across the sky and leave a bright blue canopy overhead. By that time we have read our mail and are ready to go out on to the beautifully green and very well kept lawn just outside our back door. There we spend the rest of our morning. Recently a very comfortable new chaise lounge was purchased for the lawn (it is made of plastic strips and is extremely easy to move around)

and I stretch out on it and just enjoy baking in the sun and listening to the birds. Never have I heard so many mocking birds singing in unison. They give us a real concert just at sunrise and again in the early evening.

Almost every afternoon we take a drive, and then we have an early supper and return from the restaurant by way of a little lake where we park our car facing the water and watch the sunset reflected on its smooth, mirror-like surface. A cloud of pale lavender seems to envelope the entire landscape. Perhaps all of this sounds too poetic, but it is really a wonderful experience to tuck away in my mind where it can be brought out and relived at some time in the future.

These restful days in the Florida sun should add years to our lives, and we feel fortunate to be able to make the trip. Winter is especially hard on older folks, and people who live in wheelchairs, as I do, find it particularly trying.

Surely someone is reading this who has been longing to go to a warm climate for the hardest winter weeks but is afraid that the trip would be too hard. Do you enjoy riding in a car? After all, you don't need to drive for long hours at a time and you can stop when you feel tired. Even if you are in a wheelchair you will find that motels are very easy to get into, their beds are good, and you can be as comfortable as though you were at home. Be adventurous and try it next winter.

I must add that people with physical handicaps of any kind find the church services held here a real comfort. These are conducted at 8:30 on Sunday morning in four different Drive-In theaters, so that you need not struggle to get in or out of your car. Coffee and doughnuts are served after the services, and there is an opportunity to participate in real Christian fellowship with other strangers.

Yesterday we took a nice drive with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Surfus of Fayette, Iowa who are also guests here of Mr. and Mrs. Stangler at the El Rancho Motel. Both Mr. Surfus and Mart are interested in raising cattle so we went to Kissimmee in the heart of the central Florida grazing lands where there was an auction of cattle advertised. The men enjoyed seeing the Brahmans and mixed breeds which were up for sale. They said that they certainly didn't look much like the cattle we raise in Iowa.

On this trip we passed large Trailer Parks. Many of them were located among big pine and oak trees and were surrounded by green grass and neat flower gardens.

These trailer camps have water and electric service, free garbage disposal and showers. There are playgrounds for the children and always a place to "shuffle". You can't live in Florida long without learning to play shuffleboard. We understand that the social life in these trailer parks is very enjoyable for they have church services and a community building where parties and home talent programs are given. This gives people a real chance to get acquainted with their neighbors.

Mart and I said today that this entire community has certainly worked hard to make a success of the March of Dimes. There have been benefit parties, art exhibits, flower shows, Marching Mothers, and tonight a big fish fry was held in the school house yard. They planned to serve 2000 lbs. of fish and thousands of hush puppies.

One of the places tourists enjoy is the Art Gallery Auction where they sell to the highest bidder china, glassware, antiques of all kinds, silver, furniture, etc. They even serve refreshments and give free gifts! I intend to go to one in the near future but think I'd better leave my purse at home. However, on second thought perhaps I'd better take it for I might lose out on a big bargain.

Another place I must visit is the Shell Museum at Rollins College where they have over 150,000 shells on exhibit.

I have always been timid about riding in a boat and now as helpless as I am I fear water even more, but I could almost conquer this feeling to go on one of the many scenic boat tours that take you for miles through canals from lake to lake. There are many beautiful homes facing these lakes and Mrs. Stangler told me that at Christmas time they display elaborate outside decorations which cast their reflections in the water.

The city decorates one huge Christmas tree on the shores of each lake and last year fireworks were displayed from floats out in the water. In the South, you know, it is the custom to have fireworks during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Just about the time you read this we will be preparing to start home. Frederick and Betty would like to have us swing by Rhode Island, but it is as far from here to there as it is from here to Shenandoah, and we are afraid of running into bad weather on such a long trip. Anyway, we both prefer to see New England in the autumn when it is at the peak of its beauty.

I'm sure that you will enjoy the letter from Ruth Field Seehawer that appears in this issue. Many of you from years gone by will remember that she is a daughter of my brother, Henry.

I must stop now and write to congratulate Wayne on having been chosen by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as the man who made the outstanding contribution to Shenandoah in 1953. His Dad and I are proud of him! Affectionately yours, Leanna



## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PROGRAM?

It has been a long time since we mentioned our collections of kodachrome slides, and from the numbers of inquiry we've received recently we think it advisable to give the details once again.

For Garden Clubs we particularly recommend our collection titled *Midwestern Flowers*. There are approximately 53 slides in this group and it makes a good program for those who are interested in flowers.

Aside from the collection *Midwestern Flowers* we can offer three other sets of slides. 1. *Hawaii and Our Southern States*; 2. *The West*; 3. *California*. There are many flower shots in *Hawaii and Our Southern States*, and this makes it highly suitable for Garden Clubs. However, this collection covers so much ground that it is recommended for any groups, regardless of their interests.

Each set contains about 53 or 54 slides and a detailed lecture accompanies them. All of these slides are in natural color, and to show them you will need a 35 mm. projector and a screen suitable for showing any type of film.

We would like to make it very clear too that these are not movies, so don't start searching for a movie projector.

In most communities there is at least one person who has a 35 mm. projector and screen who will lend them to a responsible group. We've also been told that many County Agents have this equipment, as well as schools.

All of the photographs in these four collections were taken by members of our family. We sent our original prints in to have duplicates made, so when you see them you are looking at the same thing you would see if you stepped into any of our homes here in Shenandoah.

There have been so many requests for these collections that we want to emphasize the fact that it is wise to set a date quite some time in advance. We always do our best to sandwich in requests, but you'll run much less risk of being disappointed for a given date if you give us plenty of time to make the necessary arrangements. We ask too that you return the slides within 24 hours after using them.

Any church groups who wish to use these for a Silver Tea type of function have our permission to do so. This also applies to PTA groups who wish to have something different from the routine type program and want to take up a collection. So many people have written to ask about this that we thought it wise to make it clear.

The only charge for using them is \$1.00 per set to cover the cost of handling them and getting them into the mail.

If you have been looking around for a different type of program, perhaps one of these collections would answer your needs. I keep the files on our kodachromes and will try to answer all requests promptly, so address me as follows: Mrs. Russell Verness, Box 67, Shenandoah, Iowa, if you are interested.—Lucile.



PEACE Hybrid Tea Roses and a little girl make a happy combination. Emily is old enough to enjoy her parent's garden and to respect the flowers. Plan to stop by Wayne's place (207 University Ave.) and see his garden when you come to Shenandoah this summer.

## WINTER DREAMING

By  
Glady's Niece Templeton

While snows and blizzards 'round me whirl,  
And icy north winds scream,  
My catalogue of wonders holds me fast:  
The planter's dream!

The snowball, flowering crab and quince,  
A brand new Hybrid tea,  
Spirea, crocus, tamarix,  
Each one convinces me.

The glads alone hold me spellbound,  
The cannas, mums, carnations,  
Those ultra roses capture me—  
I MUST have these sensations.

So while the winterish frost and snow  
Prepares my garden border,  
I pull my chair beside the fire  
And make my nursery order.

## SPRING'S AROUND THE CORNER

By  
Lucile

On this February evening I've been doing something that I'm sure many of you have also been doing—looking through nursery catalogs. I don't think you can beat a good session with nursery catalogs for doing away with winter blues and getting the feeling of spring.

As I studied the rose sections tonight I found myself hoping that this will be the year you decide to try your hand at both Hybrid Teas and Floribundas. It's entirely possible, I think, that back in the days when the first great grafting experiments were getting underway, a person had to have a lot of "know-how" to grow fine roses. It's no wonder that most people associated enormous, glowing blooms with a hot house.

But if you still think of such roses in terms of the professional gardener, then revise your thinking quickly and

look at the facts in 1954. Through years of endless work and the most exhaustive experimentation, roses have now been developed that will perform beautifully for you, the rawest beginner. The guess work has been eliminated. Anyone with a patch of ground who is willing to read directions and follow them faithfully, is perfectly capable of growing show-type roses.

But right here is a very important point that needs to be emphasized. *You must start with fine stock to grow fine roses.* This means that you can't pick up cheap, dried out stock that has been kicking around in a bin someplace and is offered at "bargain" prices. All of the care and patience in the world can't make those roses grow if they're on their last legs when you buy them.

Fine roses offered by reputable nurseries are handled with such exacting, scientific care that you'd be amazed if you could follow through on the process. This stock is treated with the same respect that shippers use when they handle things as perishable as fresh fruit or vegetables. It is kept moist at a constant temperature from the time it is dug until it is shipped to you. This quality of stock will never be found dumped casually into a bin or a box in some store.

Countless times in these past years I've talked with people who told me how they had planted carefully, lugged water, sprayed, mulched for winter, etc., and still they lost their roses—never had a bloom. In practically every case these people had started with "bargain" bushes picked up here or there. Of course they were disappointed, and I don't blame them. If you care enough about roses to plant them and care for them you're entitled to results! And you'll get those results if you start with fine stock sold by any reputable nursery.

If you're starting a new bed this summer, get outside as soon as the frost is out of the ground and dig up the entire thing to a depth of two and a half feet. Place the top soil and sod at the bottom for the roots to feed on.

When your roses are delivered (and order them as early as possible—they'll be shipped at the right planting date) keep them moist until you can get them into the ground. You'll want to set them out from 18 to 24 inches apart, and they MUST be pruned back to about five or six inches. How people hate to do this! It seems awful to whack off so much from a handsome bush, but roses bloom from the new shoots and you've got to give them a chance to develop to their maximum.

Full planting directions go out with roses so you can study those and see how deep to plant. However, I do want to add that you must mound 4 or 5 inches of loose soil over the bush to protect the precious bud which is close to the ground. The soil is taken away as the plant develops.

If we have a halfway normal growing season you'll enjoy your first wonderful blooms in June. Be sure you water thoroughly when you plant, and then ease up (unless it is extremely dry) until the first roses bloom. From

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## RUTH FIELD SEEHAWER WRITES FROM APPLETON, WISCONSIN

Dear Aunt Leanna:

We have been here in Wisconsin almost fifteen years now and we do like it — except, of course, when the thermometer hits thirty below! My sister Josephine said once that we have two seasons here, winter and the Fourth of July, and sometimes the Fourth is a little chilly too. We have gotten used to the cool weather here, though, and we have seen enough of Wisconsin's beautiful lakes and hills and water to fall in love with her.

Kermit was born and reared here, you know, of German people and surrounded by them. Naturally, when the in-laws are together, especially the older ones, they chatter away in German at a great rate; that is, until someone reminds them that Kermit's wife doesn't speak German — then they politely switch to English. Once I thought I would love to cause a sensation by saying it myself—in German. So I had Kermit tell me what to say and I practised and I practised. He warned me I wasn't holding my mouth right or something.

He said, "You must be Irish, you can't get the accent."

Well, I am not Irish and to me it sounded as if I said it just as he did. Came the next reunion and when an elderly Uncle addressed a remark to me in German, I took a deep breath and spouted forth, "Ich-sprechen-nic Duetsch!" (I speak no German.)

The uncle looked gravely at me for a long moment and then he said in English, "No, Ruth, you surely don't."

This has become a family joke and to this day, if I say I don't know how to do something that I have already tried to do, someone is apt to say, "No, Ruth, you surely don't!"

Of course, the children have grown like bad weeds in this fifteen years. Our house is infested with teen-agers these days, with our own kids and their friends. The only exception is Henrietta. She has proudly turned twenty, which puts her out of the teen-ager class and is away at college most of the time. She is a Junior at the State Teacher's College at Oshkosh and is training to be a Primary teacher.

Luke is eighteen and will graduate from High School this June. Do you remember when he was hit by a car and both his legs were broken? Well, he outgrew that very well. He hasn't limped for years now and is a fine, strong boy close to six feet tall. Right after graduation he is to have his eyes operated on for they are just a little crossed. I was slightly opposed to the operation at first — somehow the idea of a knife and the eyes was too terrifying! But he said, "If I'm going to be a missionary, I have to be able to look people right in the eye!" And that's true. He does want to be a missionary, you know, a medical missionary. It means years and years of school yet, but he has been set on it for a long time and shows no signs yet of weakening. However, because he is so young it is possible that time may change all things.

Susie is seventeen, a Junior in High



We fell in love with this little snow shoveler the minute we laid eyes on her! Her name is Marilyn Ilene Wilson, age half-past three, and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, 3056 Cissna Street, Kansas City, Kans. She has an eleven year old sister named Sonja.

School. Aunt Leanna, I know you're familiar with the middle-child-problem-child idea, so maybe it will amuse you to hear how we handled it. All the children were something special except Susie; Henrietta was the oldest and Rose was the youngest and Luke was the only boy; so we fixed that — everybody always knew that Susie was Mama's Pet. Not that she got any more desserts or new clothes than the others, but times when they were asserting their special privileges, Susie always seemed due for some extra lap-holding or a special job of helping Mama. And I truly believe she has been as little a problem as any child I ever saw.

Rose is fifteen and a Freshman. Here in Appleton the children are kept in the neighborhood schools until they are through the ninth grade, but next year I will lose her to the big High School, too. Say what you like, they change then, just a little older and a little more independent. Kermit tells me I have to let them gradually grow away and I know he is right, but it does hurt.

One day at the table I was worrying out loud about one of them and he lectured me a little about letting them make their own decisions and take care of themselves.

I said, "Of course, that way is best, but I can't help it. Do you know that when I cross a street with these big people I still find myself reaching out to hold their hand?"

A girl friend of Rose's was there and she started to laugh and said, "I know just what you mean, Mrs. Seehawer. My mother does the same thing." So I guess a lot of us have trouble letting the fledglings go.

Kermit is Shop Foreman at a generator and motor factory here. He likes his work and manages to get in quite a bit of fishing in the summer, even some ice-fishing this winter. For that they drive their cars right out onto the frozen lake, bore through a

foot or two feet of ice and then fish through the hole. It is supposed to be great sport, but they get so cold. Not for me, thank you. Last time he brought home three pike and a comical looking fish he called a "lawyer." It was very good eating. I told Kermit that these fish he was lucky enough to catch really made a difference in my food budget.

We live just inside the edge of town with three-quarters of an acre of ground around the house. When the children were little we raised a lot of vegetables and they took them from house to house in their big wagon. They made all their spending money and managed to save quite a bit toward college. Then when they decided they were too big to go peddling anymore, we put most of it into strawberries, which people come to the house to buy. We sell quite a lot of plants in the spring too.

The only thing wrong with the set-up is that now the city is growing and spreading like crazy and a nice new street is planned right square through our garden. Kermit says you can't stand in the way of progress but there are times when I would surely like to try. Wonder what would happen if someone attacked a grading machine with a hoe?

I expect you would like to know if I can make any of the delicious German foods. Well, I never did learn to make Sweet-sour Cabbage as good as Cousin Evelyn makes, but I make wonderful fish-head soup. (You probably wouldn't like that.) I think you'd enjoy German Potato Pancakes, though.

You slowly brown half a cup of shredded bacon in a heavy frying pan. While that is going on you grate enough raw potato for two cups. Then add three beaten eggs, two tablespoons flour, two tablespoons milk, and a teaspoon of salt. Mix well, stir in your fried bacon, and drop in circles on your hot frying pan. Cook until nice and brown and serve with honey or any kind of syrup. Some like them with applesauce. I know they sound rich and heavy but they are intended to be a whole meal by themselves. You'll like them!

They also have a way of eating green peas here which is inelegant but very tasty. They must be quite young, immature peas, picked fresh from the garden, washed in their pods, and cooked just that way in a little water and quite a lot of butter. Then when they are tender, you serve them up on plates and everybody pu-u-ulls the pods through their teeth, so. Nothing is left but the bare skeleton of the pod. None of the lovely fresh green is wasted. Try it sometime. Not when you have company, of course.

Come see us sometime. Love from all the Seehawers.

Ruth.

Seldom does a man accomplish some big things who has not first done well a multitude of little things. Truth is that the real limitations of a man are not the things he wants to do, but cannot; they are the things he ought to do, but which he does not do.



## LETTER FROM LUCILE

Hello, Good Friends:

If this letter sounds somewhat flighty and disconnected you can put it down to the fact that I'm writing with the sound of a saw going full tilt not too far from this desk. I don't know that the high pitched squeal of a saw ever has much to recommend it, but when you're trying to write it really reaches sort of an exasperating point!

In spite of this rather gloomy beginning I can report that we have made wonderful progress with our upstairs remodeling. Last month, you may recall, we were just getting started. This month, at the moment I am writing, the big job is about 50% done.

For all practical purposes you might as well say that we have built a second floor. When the last stripping down had been accomplished we had nothing but the outside frame work and shingles — everything has been done from that bare structure.

Several things occur to me that might possibly be of interest to you if at any time in the future you contemplate drastic improvements in a story-and-a-half house.

I mentioned our storeroom last month. This is the area over the dining room that had been floored at an earlier time (unquestionably when the house was built over fifty years ago) and was really in good shape for storage. Now on the opposite side of the house, directly above this study, was a space of exactly the same size but with no access to it at any point. We needed more storage space very badly, so Russell cut an opening into it, put down rough flooring, and lo! and behold! we suddenly had a wonderful new area into which things could be squirreled away.

It's very important to have unbroken wall surfaces for the placement of furniture (anyone who lives in a house where practically every room is chopped up with too many doors knows only too well what I mean), so the opening to this new storage area was made from the new closet. By doing this we gained enough wall area to use a chest of drawers that we had thought earlier we'd have to abandon.

I want to dwell for a moment on insulation at this point. Now if you too have an old house that is a story-and-a-half, the chances are that it is heated by registers in the ceilings of the room below. This arrangement works — no doubt about it. But I'd never say that registers cut into the ceilings are exactly a joy to the eye. Now if you're contemplating a remodeling job and wondering about heat, let me tell you this:

After we completely insulated the entire second floor we found that our upstairs was comfortably warm without any heat in it whatsoever. The registers had been thoroughly sealed over with lumber and paper so you know that nothing was creeping through from downstairs. Immediately after the insulation was completed we had the coldest weather thus far this winter with temperatures down to 16 degrees below zero. At the end



We can guarantee that Kristin and Juliana are never going to electrify the world with their musical abilities, but they do enjoy pounding out duets when they get together.

of three extremely bitter days our upstairs was still very warm and comfortable.

This means, of course, that we can permanently seal the registers and do away with those unsightly areas in our downstairs ceilings. We will also be more comfortable downstairs when it's below zero outside, for hot air rises and heretofore our upstairs has felt better than the rooms underneath. All in all, we're amazed at the enormous difference that's been made by that extensive insulation job.

It is difficult to describe anything clearly enough to convey the impression to someone else, but I'd like to attempt to tell you what the final over-all picture will be when we're through.

A narrow, enclosed, twisting staircase leads to our second floor. It goes up from the end of our living room. Abigail says that it's the most dangerous staircase she's ever been up — and I think she's right. The first thing we did when we moved here was to install a very heavy, rigid railing along the side and, needless to say, it's still there.

At the top of the staircase there was a solid wall and this has now been removed; heavy braces were put in to support the area. However, you certainly couldn't have a section where one step too many at the top would plunge you right down the staircase, so we used a wrought iron railing across that space. Now when you open the staircase door at the bottom and look up you don't see a wall but instead you see a graceful decorative iron railing — a vast improvement.

The ceilings in both rooms are now in; we used these interlocking tiles — same thing that we used downstairs last year. They will be left white to make the rooms as light and airy as possible. Incidentally, because of the steep pitch in the walls, Russell extended the tiles down to the point where the walls are straight and it makes the rooms seem much larger.

The walls in our room, plus the entire staircase area, will be painted a delicate shade of apricot. We haven't made a final decision on the color of our drapes, but I do know that the valance, as well as a new headboard for our Hollywood-type bed will be

made of black wrought iron. All kinds of different pieces are now available and they can be combined into very effective patterns. Our small black chests trimmed in gold will go on each side of the bed and these will provide a surface for our gold bed lamps, probably the most important lights in the house for we do all of our reading at night after we've gone to bed.

If you're a long-time reader of Kitchen-Klatter you may recall my description and picture of our fox bedspread that we made about six years ago. My next major project is to remove the ivory velvet lining and make an attached skirt, plus lining, in a beige color. This will be our winter bedspread in the new room — don't ask me about a summer bedspread for I haven't yet put my mind to that!

Juliana changed her mind about the colors for her room after she studied the new color charts. She has now made a final decision that the walls are to be a Wedgewood blue. She also wants white ruffled organdy curtains at the window (a big one on the south) and white bedspreads with cherry red skirts on her twin beds. We think that this will be a fresh and charming room. The entire upstairs is to have a light beige carpeting and I believe that laying it will be the only professional help we'll have to call in.

Russell's father has been a tremendous help on this building project. Many a time when everything went wrong and heaviest gloom descended he could lift our spirits by making one last desperate effort to find the solution — and come up with it.

I realize that this letter has been given over to remodeling, but I'll just have to ask you to forgive me if I don't sound very stimulating. I haven't been anywhere or seen anyone since I wrote to you before! My entire time has been given over to cooking big meals for hungry men, working at my desk and fighting to keep just a semblance of order downstairs. I still don't know how we managed to get the entire contents of the second floor (with the exception of one big bed that's been shoved from place to place as the carpentry progressed) down to this floor and yet continue to move around! Every inch is so crowded that when we finally get moved back upstairs I'm sure I'll feel as if our first floor is unfurnished.

Juliana and Martin have just come running in to ask me if I'll oil the Christmas roller skates. Ordinarily we'd be concentrating on sleds at this season, but thus far it's been stilts and skates.

Juliana will be eleven years old at the end of February and she is going to celebrate with her first slumber party. Dorothy and Kristin plan to come down for it, so next month I'll tell you how Dorothy and I made out with ten lively girls. When I recall the slumber parties of my childhood I know what's in store for us.

Always yours . . . Lucile

We wrong others by unjust thoughts as well as by unkind speech and unfair deeds. Thought is not powerless; it creates an atmosphere that hinders or helps.



## FAMILY NIGHT

By

Mabel Nair Brown

How are the spirits of your church congregation these days — sort of in the cold weather doldrums? Then it's time to get busy and snap out of it with a gala family night.

Surely nothing could be gayer and make for more downright good fun for all ages than a FAMILY FAIR party, complete with balloons, confetti and serpentine streamers, and a carefree carnival air. It will whip up those flagging spirits like a breath of spring wafted in on a brisk southerly breeze — and is far more pleasant to take than sulphur and molasses!

### Decorations For The Family Fair:

Let balloons swing gaily from ceiling, from picture frames, in doorways and over the windows. Add more color with paper streamers and curly serpentine streamers.

If you wish to carry out the St. Patrick's Day theme, just make it an Irish Fair. In that case you will use green and white balloons, streamers, etc. For table decorations use more country fair ideas; for example, dolls dressed as clowns holding a cluster of miniature balloons in one hand, or some of the plaster of paris horses and figurines such as are offered as prizes at the various chance games at a fair.

Round "clown dots" cut from many colors of crepe paper and in many sizes can be scotch taped to the white paper tablecloth in hit and miss fashion. For napkins use the solid colored ones in many bright colors.

Another centerpiece idea is to make ferris wheels, merry-go-rounds, etc., from the children's tinker toys or other similar toys. One might even make a miniature trapeze outfit and upon it have tiny performers made from pipe cleaners and materials from the scrap bag. I'll wager you'll find many of the children will be enthusiastic helpers when it comes to making this type of decoration.

A few large signs advertising various typical fair attractions — Midway, races, exhibits, etc., — can be painted on huge sheets of white wrapping paper and tacked up on the walls for extra fun and color.

Your supper menu can be the usual type served on such an occasion with certain foods assigned to the different families, or it, too, can take on a fair flavor. In the latter case, you might consider a huge sign over the serving counter near the kitchen reading "FILL UP AT THE METHODIST FILL-IT STATION" or "FREE LUNCH — COME AND GET IT".

Then serve the meal hand-out style and let guests find their way to the tables. Dessert might be brought to the tables later. If preparing this type of meal you might serve coneys islands or a barbecued hamburger sandwich, french fries or potato chips and baked beans. Large plates of relishes (pickles, celery, carrot sticks, etc.) plus catsup and mustard could be on each table. Then, as a dessert, why not ice cream bars or cones served by the ice cream man right from his cart? — really just an ordinary tea cart or

serving cart with one of the men dressed in white jacket and cap passing out the goody. How the kids will love this part of the meal! Of course there will be quantities of hot coffee for the grown-ups and milk or chocolate milk for the youngsters.

If you can persuade one or two of your members to dress up as clowns and mingle with the guests as they are arriving you will find that your whole evening of fun will be off to a good start on a note of hilarity.

ENTERTAINMENT can well center on the theme of the chance games or skill games at the fair and thus you can be ready with a hatful of games and stunts which all ages can enjoy together. How the small fry will work trying to outsmart Dad and Mom! Get someone with a good voice to be the BARKER who announces all stunts and prizes in the typical fog-horn voice. Some stunts you might use are given here. If possible, present laugh provoking prizes such as balloons, "tin" jewelry or plaster horses; this will add to the merriment.

Of course you will try to manage it so that every person gets a chance at some stunts or game throughout the evening. Many of these stunts are such that several persons can compete, and then a different group can try the same stunt.

**MATCH YOU!** Ever see how high you could pile matches on the neck of a bottle (a milk bottle or other large bottle)? It takes steady nerves and beware of overconfidence as the stack grows! Provide each player with a box or big stack of matches and a bottle, or better still, play this in teams to make it even more exciting. See who can pile the most matches on the bottle in a given time.

Another variation is to have two teams (any number in each team). Each team makes a circle with each player holding ten matches in his lap. The game is to pass the bottle around the ring from player to player with each player adding one match each time it goes around. BUT if a player knocks off matches already on, he must restack them and then add his one before passing it on. The team with all the matches on first wins. For this have perhaps six or eight on each team, or else reduce the number of matches given to each one.

**THE LOW DOWN:** Starting from a standing position, each player must balance an orange on a pie tin, or paper plate on his head and then get down and pick up a man's clean white handkerchief placed in "peaked" pyramided fashion on the floor. If he loses the orange from his head he must start over. Have two or more competing. Through trial and error the players will learn to sink gingerly to one knee, then the other and so on down to floor to get the hankie. But oh, the laughs!

**LEFTIE LOO-LOO.** Have two teams line up for this relay. On a table at one end of the room place two sets of the following objects. A glass of water, an empty glass; a pencil and paper; a book. When signal is given to start, the first player on each team runs to the table. Then with *left* hand ONLY, he does the following three things; 1.

Pours water from one glass to the other. 2. Turns to page "50" in the book, then closes the book. 3. Writes the words "I Love You" on the piece of paper. He runs back and taps next player on his team with his left hand. This player then does the same three things and so on down the line to see which team finishes first. Anyone left-handed must do the tricks with right hand.

**FIREWORKS:** This, too, is a relay game. At one end of room are two chairs. On each is a pile of paper sacks (all sizes make it funnier—and harder!). At signal the first player on each team runs to chair and picks up a sack and blows it up and then bursts it. He runs back and next player does the same and so on. This can be played with balloons, too.

**LAUGH CLOWN LAUGH:** You will need to make two tall paper clown hats in advance for this one. Players will compete in pairs. Two chairs are placed opposite each other across the room. A person (clown) is seated on each chair. Two players (one near each clown) are each shown a hat and told that it will be placed within arms reach of them. After they are blindfolded, each player must feel around, locate the hat and then go to opposite end of room and feel around until the clown is located and then place hat on clown's head. First one to get his clown hatted wins.

**BALLOON MERRY-GO-ROUND:** Divide into partners for this one. Each couple is given a balloon. The man blows up the balloon and ties it with one end of a three-foot string, allowing the balloon to float freely. The man links his arm through his partner's and must not let go during the game. When the game starts, the object is for the man to try to break the other couples' balloons while protecting his partner's. The couple who keep their balloon the longest win.

Up to now the evening will have been filled with lightness and mirth. Now in the last few minutes before the party comes to an end, let everyone gather in a semi-circle around the fireplace or an improvised worship center for "Meditations" or "The Vesper Hour".

The hymn "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" played softly would be a lovely background while the crowd is settling down. Then the group could sing the hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee".

Following this have someone read, "Let Me Live In The House By The Side Of The Road" or another poem on friendship.

Group singing of "I Would Be True".

Conclude with candlelighting service using the hymn "Take My Life And Let It Be". Have soloist or quartette sing the song and at each line beginning "Take my hands", "Take my feet," etc., have a different person light a taper from a single large taper placed on a side pedestal with the Bible open beside it. Then place the candle in a candleholder upon the mantle over the fireplace or upon an improvised altar. As each one lights his candle he steps to one side of the altar. At conclusion let everyone stand and join hands in Friendship circle for Benediction by the minister.



## DOROTHY ATTENDED A COOKING SCHOOL

Dear Friends:

This past week has brought us such beautiful weather it is hard to realize that it is the first of February. In spite of the fact that we need moisture so badly, those of us who do not live on hard surfaced roads have been grateful for one thing anyway and that is that our dirt roads have been so good all winter.

When our February Kitchen-Klatter magazine came and Kristin read my letter she said, "Mother you didn't tell them a thing about Little Champ and I'm sure our friends would all like to know how he is getting along."

For the new readers of the magazine, Little Champ is Kristin's tiny Shetland pony. In November he broke his leg and the veterinarian put it in a cast. I think we were all a little dubious about the results, but when Frank took the cast off and we found that his little leg was nice and straight we were terribly happy. He still walks with a slight limp which we hope will disappear in time but he is just as frisky as ever.

Little Champ had been shut up in his stall for so many weeks that when Frank turned him out in the barn lot as soon as he had removed the cast, he was so happy that he ran and he bucked and he chased the chickens. I just held my breath because I was sure that little leg couldn't take such strenuous treatment so soon, but nothing happened so it must have healed perfectly.

Kristin baked her first cake the other day without a speck of help from Mother. She made a white cake using a recipe that one of the girls had demonstrated at a 4-H meeting. It turned out beautifully and I was the first to admit that she made a much better white cake than I have ever made. Mine always seem so dry, but hers was just as light and moist as her Aunt Lucile's white cakes which I think are the best I have ever eaten.

Another thing which pleased Kristin so much was that she had made it with the mixer. I have never been able to make a really good cake with the mixer and always use the good old hand method. This girl at 4-H used a mixer, so Kristin did too and with perfect results. She says the next time I make a cake when she is at home she will teach me how to make it in the mixer!

I waited until today to write my letter to you because I knew that yesterday I was going to attend a cooking school sponsored by the Chariton Woman's Club and thought perhaps there would be a few ideas that could be passed on to you. My only regret is that there isn't space enough to pass on all the recipes that the home economist used for the dishes that she prepared for us.

Many of us like to keep something made up in the refrigerator that we can fix to go with coffee in just a few minutes if someone drops in. I try always to have ice box cookies for this purpose, but for a change this Ice Box English Tea Muffin recipe appealed to me and sometime today I'm go-



Remember the letter from Ruth Shambaugh Watkins of Greenwich, Conn? When she sent this picture of little Wendy she wrote that the butterfly perched on her shoulder was the great mystery at their house. It turned up on a hot summer day and persisted in clinging right to Wendy from morning until night!

ing to make up a batch. This is an old, old recipe which the economist had gotten from a friend's mother who had come from England.

### Ice Box English Tea Muffins

- 3/4 C. sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 C. milk
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 c. shortening (butter or margarine)
- 3/4 C. raisins
- 2 C. flour
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- Brown sugar
- Nut meats

Cream fat and sugar; add egg. Sift dry ingredients together. Add milk alternately with dry ingredients to first mixture. Fill greased muffin tins 2/3 full. Sprinkle with brown sugar and chopped nut meats. Bake 20 min. at 350 degrees. (Can be kept in covered bowl in refrigerator for several weeks.)

This next recipe is a one-dish meal that she named the Wash Day Special because it can be fixed and then left alone while you finish the washing. The economist was doing all of her cooking and baking with an electric stove and so those of you who cook with electricity can follow this recipe exactly as it is given. We have a gas stove and when I make this up I'm going to use a very, very low flame.

### Wash Day Special

- 1 lb. ground steak
- No. 2 1/2 can tomatoes  
(or No. 2 can plus 1/2 C. water)
- 1 small can Kidney Beans
- 1 C. raw rice
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 tsp. Chilli Powder
- 1 tsp. salt

Brown hamburger in large covered skillet with steam vent in lid. Add other ingredients. Turn on high and leave until steam vent jumps. Turn unit off, but leave standing on unit without removing lid for 45 min.

No longer than she had her stove turned on I was a little dubious that the raw rice would be cooked light and fluffy, but at the end of the 45 minutes when she took off the lid not only was it piping hot but the rice

was very well done. It looked delicious and the aroma was wonderful. Another thing she did that I want to tell you about is something I am sure you will want to try when your tomatoes get ripe in your gardens this summer.

One of my favorite salads is a stuffed tomato salad. I have always hollowed out the entire center of the tomato and then filled it with a chicken salad or a salad of that type. But the economist did something different with it that was very attractive and could be used either as a pretty garnish around a molded salad, or could be used on a lettuce leaf as a salad. The top of the tomato was cut off and then with a spoon she took out just the seeds in between the pulpy sections. (Some tomatoes have three and some four sections.) She filled these sections with soft cream cheese which had been blended with just a little finely chopped tops of green onions. She said that she usually used chives but had been unable to get any in Chariton. After they had been stuffed, the tomatoes were put in the refrigerator to chill. When they were firm they were taken out and sliced and my, but those slices were attractive! I just thought this might give you a new idea to try this summer with your own tomatoes.

That old clock hand is moving right around and my hungry husband will soon be coming home for dinner so I had better stop and look in the ice-box and see what I can find good to eat. Until next month...

Sincerely, Dorothy

## THE COMMON TASK

(to L. F. N.)

By Gladys Niece Templeton

Today is mine from dawn to set of sun,  
To do the humble tasks which wait for me;  
The common, lowly tasks which bring no fame,  
Enobling though they be.

I pray my vision pass beyond these bounds,  
Some heart made lighter, filled with joy today;  
More laughter, kindness, more love released,  
Because I passed this way.

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this point on, keep the earth reasonably moist. We water about once a week — and never from above with a hose or sprayer.

There may be things more rewarding in this world than fine roses but I don't know where you'd go to find them! All of our Hybrid Teas seem like real friends to us and it's going to be exciting to see them start this year's growth before many more months have passed.

I hope that you'll get started on roses in your own garden in 1954. The big struggle will be a decision on what to order. I won't try to influence you here in any way whatsoever! But when you come to see our garden this summer I will see if your preferences are mine!



**CHERRY PUFF**

(A fine way to use those canned cherries)

- 2 1/2 cups tart cherries, drained
- 1/2 cup liquid from cherries
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 Tbls. quick-cooking tapioca
- 2 egg whites
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 6 Tbls. sifted cake flour

Crush cherries with potato masher; add cherry liquid, sugar and tapioca. Simmer 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Beat egg whites until foamy; add salt and cream of tartar; beat until stiff. Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored; add sugar; beat thoroughly. Fold egg yolks into egg whites, then fold in flour. Pour cherry mixture into 1 1/2 qt. casserole. Pour batter on top. Bake in 325 oven for 40 minutes. Serve warm.

**OATMEAL BREAD**

- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1 yeast cake
- 1/2 cup lukewarm water
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 Tbls. melted butter
- 4 1/2 to 5 cups all-purpose flour

Put boiling water in top of double boiler and add, stirring constantly, the 1 cup of oatmeal. Place pan over boiling water, cover and steam for 1 hour. Remove from fire and cool. Soften 1 yeast cake in 1/2 cup lukewarm water and, when the oatmeal is lukewarm, add the yeast to it; also the molasses, salt and melted butter. Mix well; then add the flour and beat with hand until well mixed. Cover with cloth and set in warm place. When light and well risen, toss on a floured board and knead well. Place in 1 large well-buttered bread pan, or in 2 small pans. Cover and let rise again until double in bulk. Then bake for about 45 minutes in a 400 degree oven.

This bread slices beautifully and has a perfectly delicious, nutty flavor. The dough is easy to handle and all in all, why don't you try it right away?

**NEW FRUIT DRESSING**

- 1 cup marshmallow creme
  - 1/4 cup tart mayonnaise
  - 2 tsp. orange juice
  - 1 tsp. lemon juice
  - 1 1/2 tps. grated orange rind
- Beat all ingredients well and store in a fruit jar. This will keep for some time in the refrigerator.

## "Recipes Tested in the Kitchen - Klatter Kitchen"

By

LEANNA, LUCILE, and MARGERY

**IDA'S CHOCOLATE CHIP PIE**

Sprinkle 2 tsp. gelatin on 2 Tbls. cold water to dissolve. Beat 2 egg yolks well; add 2 1/2 Tbls. sugar and 2/3 cup milk, and a few grains of salt. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly until thick. Add 1/2 tsp. vanilla and the gelatin and stir until dissolved. Chill until syrupy. Beat 2 eggs whites stiff. Fold in 2 Tbls. sugar gradually, then fold the egg whites into the gelatin mixture. Add 1/2 cup crushed chocolate chips (or grind in food chopper). Whip 1/2 cup cream to which you add 1 Tbls. sugar and fold in. Pour into a chocolate wafer crumb crust. (This is made like a graham cracker crust). When chilled spread layer of whipped cream over the top and grate chocolate on top.

### FOR CLUB ANGEL FOOD DELIGHT

- 1 pint milk
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 Tbls. gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 pint whipping cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup nutmeats
- 2 egg whites
- 1 angel food loaf
- 1 bottle maraschino cherries
- 1 small can crushed pineapple

Cook the milk, yolks and sugar until slightly thickened. Dissolve 2 Tbls. gelatin in 1/4 cup cold water. Mix into the custard and cool. Whip the cream and fold into custard. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold in likewise. Break angel food cake into bite size pieces, place in dish and add cherries, pineapple and nuts to custard. Pour over the cake. Chill in refrigerator. Top with whipped cream. Makes 16 servings.

**RAISIN COOKIES**

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup raisins, chopped and boiled in enough water to make 1/2 cup raisin juice
- 1 cup quick raw oatmeal
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Cream sugar and shortening. Add raisins and dry ingredients which have been sifted together. Roll pieces of dough the size of a walnut and flatten a little. Bake in a 350 degree oven. Nice for the school lunches.

**RICH CHERRY DESSERT****Pastry**

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
  - 1/2 cup brown sugar
  - 1 cup flour
  - 1/2 tsp. salt
- Blend softened butter or margarine with brown sugar and salt. Blend in flour. Pat into bottom of greased 9-inch pie tin. Bake 15 minutes at 325 degrees. Cool.

**Filling**

- 1 cup sugar
- 4 Tbls. flour
- 2 Tbls. cornstarch
- 1 cup cherries
- 1 1/2 cups juice (add water if not enough cherry juice)

Make paste of flour, cornstarch and juice and add to sugar and cherries. Cook slowly until thick in top of double boiler. Cool before pouring into pie shell.

**Topping**

- 1 cup dry oatmeal
  - 1/2 cup brown sugar
  - 4 Tbls. flour
  - 5 Tbls. butter or margarine
- Mix well. Spread over top of the pie. Bake 20 minutes at 325 degrees. Pie should be chilled before serving to make it firm enough to cut easily.

### SWEET POTATO-APPLE CASSEROLE

("We were served this with pork chops when we were invited out to dinner last Sunday. It was so delicious and so attractive that I begged for the recipe. I made it yesterday, had grand success, and now want to share it with you."—Mo.)

- 4 large sweet potatoes
- 4 large apples
- 1/4 lb. butter
- 2/3 cup brown sugar

Boil sweet potatoes until tender, peel and slice into 1/2-inch slices. Core and peel apples and slice into 1/2-inch slices also. Butter a large glass baking dish and make a layer of the potatoes and apples, first placing a piece of potato and then overlapping the apple slice. Dot with the butter and sprinkle brown sugar over the entire thing. Bake for about 40 minutes in a 425 degree oven until the apples are a golden brown. Baste once or twice. Apples should hold their shape but be thoroughly cooked.

**BROILED GRAPEFRUIT**

- 1/2 grapefruit per person
- Powdered sugar
- Cinnamon

Cut grapefruit in two, run a sharp knife around it to loosen fruit and remove center core. Fill core with powdered sugar and spread a thick layer on top. Dust with cinnamon. Place in a shallow pan and broil about 3 1/2 inches from the flame until delicately browned.

I'd always heard of this dish but didn't try it for years. It is delicious — amazingly so. People who cannot eat grapefruit (and their number is legion) can eat this because the broiling reduces the acidity. —Lucile.



**CLAM CHOWDER**

- 1 can minced clams
- 2 cups diced potatoes
- 1 large onion
- 1 Tbls. butter
- 2 slices bacon, minced
- 1 Tbls. flour
- 3 cups rich milk

Cook potatoes and onion in small amount of water, add clams. Cut up bacon, fry, pour off part of grease, then stir in flour and add to potatoes and clams. Lastly, pour in 3 cups rich milk and add butter. Serve piping hot.

**SODA CRACKER PIE**

- 3 egg whites stiffly beaten
- 1 cup sugar, gradually beaten in
- Add 14 soda crackers rolled fine, like meal

1/4 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. vanilla

1/2 cup broken pecan meats

Blend together and pour in buttered pie dish. Bake for 30 minutes in 325 degree oven. Top with a thin layer of sliced peaches, or strawberries without the juice, that have been sweetened. Cover with 1 cup cream stiffly beaten with 3 tsp. sugar and 1/4 tsp. vanilla. Chill in refrigerator. (Can set over night.)

**PARSLEY BUTTER SAUCE FOR FISH**

Cream 3 Tbls. butter with 1 Tbls. chopped parsley and the juice of a half-lemon. Use to spread over hot fish just before serving.

**OLD FASHIONED CORN PUDDING**

- 3 eggs
- 1 Tbls. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 No. 2 can corn
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. paprika

Beat eggs very light, add salt, sugar, butter, pepper, paprika and milk. Add corn and blend the whole well. Pour into buttered ramekins and sprinkle with buttered corn flakes. Bake in a moderate oven until well browned, 375 degrees for about 30 or 35 minutes.

**LADY FINGERS**

- 5 Tbls. powdered sugar
- 3 egg whites
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Add the powdered sugar to the stiffly beaten egg whites. Add to these the two well-beaten yolks and the vanilla. Fold in the flour, which has been sifted twice with the salt. Line a pan with paper but do not grease it. Press the batter through a pastry bag on to it, forming strips four inches long and one inch wide. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and bake in a moderate oven for 10 minutes.

**CAVE COOKING!**

By Elsie Bailey

All those beautiful jars of home-canned vegetables you proudly carried to the cave (or your basement) last summer — the family tired of them already? Try these new ways to prepare those vegetables to pep up winter meals.

**CORN OYSTERS**

(For Sunday supper)

- 2 cups canned corn, drained
- 2 beaten eggs
- 3/4 cup flour
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

Mix all ingredients. Drop from tablespoon into one inch of fat, hot enough to brown bread cube in 40 seconds. Turn once. Makes twelve oysters.

**GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE**

(Green beans were never like this before)

- 2 cups canned green beans, drained
- 2 cups seasoned white sauce
- 1/2 package chipped beef
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- Buttered bread crumbs

Stir shredded beef into white sauce. Place alternate layers of beans, onion and white sauce in casserole. Cover with buttered crumbs and bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Serves 6.

**MACARONI, TOMATO AND CHEESE BAKE**

(Here is plain old Macaroni and Cheese all "fixed up" and ready for company; a good way to use your tomatoes and tomato soup)

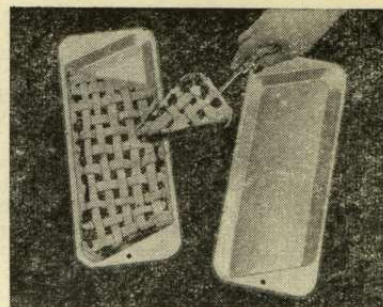
- 1 pint thick tomato soup
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 3 cups grated American cheese
- 4 cups cooked macaroni
- 1 tablespoon grated onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 8 strips bacon, chopped and fried
- 3 tablespoons bacon drippings
- 6 or 8 slices tomato

Heat soup and milk together. Stir in cheese until smooth and melted. Combine with all remaining ingredients except tomatoes. Pour into greased 3-quart baking pan. Top with tomatoes. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 25 to 30 minutes. 6 to 8 servings.

**ONION-CELERY SEED DRESSING**

- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 1/2 Tbls. paprika
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. plain gelatine
- 1 Tbls. water
- 1 cup salad oil
- 1 Tbls. celery seed
- 1 Tbls. grated onion

Combine sugar, salt, mustard and paprika. Stir in vinegar. Soften gelatine in cold water and liquefy it by stirring over hot fire. Beat into vinegar mixture. Gradually beat in oil and onion. (If celery seed is very dry, soak in water for about an hour and then drain before using.) Store in pint fruit jar — improves upon standing.

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**NO-CRUST APPLE PIE**

- 6 large apples
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 2 to 4 Tbls. water
- 1/4 cup butter

Slice apples into rather deep pie plate. (No bottom crust). Sprinkle with sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon. Dot with butter.

**CRUMB TOP**

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar

Mix sugar and butter, add flour, mix well and sprinkle over top of apples. Bake in a moderate oven 350 degrees about 1 hour. Serve with whipped cream.



## "BRING IN THE CANDLES"

Bristol, Rhode Island

Dear Friends:

I am writing this letter from my office in the parish home. It is late at night, and I have just finished writing my sermon for Sunday.

The sermon is on my typewriter table beside me, and as I sit here looking at it, it occurs to me that maybe you would be interested to read a part of it. My sermons are always four and a-half pages long, typewritten and double-spaced for easy reference. Sometimes I am asked if I read them. No, I can't say that I do. I deliver my sermons, but I always have a manuscript before me. Long ago I observed that the greatest preachers in our country always write their sermons, and I decided that if the great ones do that, then surely an humble beginner like myself should too. Let me give you the first page and a-half of this sermon I have just written.

"There is a very interesting story of an incident that happened many, many years ago in our neighboring state of Connecticut. In the days of the pioneers the Legislative Assembly of the state had met for business, when suddenly the noonday sky became overcast till all was dark. Many thought it must be the approach of the Judgment Day and begged the chairman to close the Assembly and let them go home. His reply to the panic was decisive: 'This is either the Day of Judgment or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for panic. If it is, the best way to meet it is by going on with our duty. Bring in the candles.'"

"That is essentially the same message that the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews gave to the early Christians. We of this age can never appreciate to the full the tremendous physical and psychological hardships endured by the early Christians. Enduring every persecution and faced time after time with what appeared to be complete annihilation, our forefathers of the faith often found themselves in the dark. It was impossible for them to go back and be accepted by those they had deserted for the new religion, and yet it seemed completely impossible for them to go on.

"To them the writer said: 'Lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.'

"What does one do when he reaches the breaking point? What can we do when all of our hopes are frustrated, our fondest dreams are shattered, the past is dark around us, and the future has the uncertainty of the unknown? I don't think that there is an adult in this church this morning who has not at times known the feeling of despair. The more I live with you and try to serve you, the more I learn of the trials and tribulations, the griefs and the heartaches that every family in this church has had.

"It is a common human failing to believe that there are some families that have never known real trouble, families that have always lived in the sun-



These weeks while Mother and Dad are in Florida they frequently eat their evening meal at Judge's Cafe on Highways 17-92 near Maitland. One night when they stopped in Mr. Judge took this picture. It seems to us that the folks look mighty well pleased with their food!

shine and have never known the storms. The longer my days in the ministry, the more I know that that just isn't so. Life isn't like that for anyone. We have all known trouble — perhaps some more severe than others — but we have all known what it is to look into the future and see a dark unknown. Sometimes we come to the point where we are simply at the end of the row, up against it and lacking the courage and the strength to go on. There are times when we feel not perhaps completely crushed by what has happened, but completely at our wit's end because of the uncertainty about what is going to happen.

"It is at just such points in life that we need to say: 'Bring in the candles.' When we don't know where to turn or what to do, all that we can do is our duty. The only way to meet an uncertain future is to do our duty hour by hour, and day by day. In time of great sorrow many persons have saved themselves from the paralysis of despair by simply doing the things that had to be done—doing them, not in a listless, mechanical way without interest either in their work or loved ones, but doing them with a sense of oughtness, of needed rightness, of obedience to God. It was in this mood that the old chairman of the Legislative Assembly said: 'If this is the Judgment Day, the best way to meet it is by going on with our duty. Bring in the candles.'

This, of course, is just the beginning of the sermon. I would like to give it all to you and show you the help that we can find in the Scriptures for times of despair, but this letter was not meant to be a sermon. You can all hear better sermons in your own church than I can ever write.

I have one very frequent clerical duty that is not a common one for most clergymen. I use my car to drive members of my parish who have no car to and from the doctors' offices and hospitals in Providence and in Fall River, Mass. Just this afternoon I took an old gentleman the sixteen miles to Providence for medical treatment. It takes much of my day to do that, but I thank God that my people feel free to ask me to serve on such errands of mercy. How badly I would feel if I thought that any of my people were hesitant to ask me to drive them to the hospital or to a doctor's office.

Sometimes those of us who have always had automobiles fail to realize how much we could help other people by offering to drive them on important errands. Many people are willing to share their cars, but not enough of us make it a point to insist that others take our offer seriously. People won't ask us to drive them anywhere until by repeated offers we have convinced them that we really mean it.

One of my big jobs this past week was to move the contents of the attic of our present parsonage up the hill to the attic in our new parsonage. You can guess what a job that was! First of all I opened a window in the old attic and then proceeded to throw every useless item out of that window as far as I could throw it. My little David had a wonderful time throwing empty cardboard cartons out of the window. The next big job was to go out into the driveway and pick up everything I had thrown away and make a nice big pile for the junk man to collect. The rest of the day was spent in making fifteen trips from one attic to the other. David was right at my heels every foot of the way, and I don't know when he has had a better time. When night comes, we are both exhausted. Never in my life have I seen a more wonderful attic than the one in our new parsonage. It not only has two full-sized rooms, it has ten closets with lots of shelves and hanger space. Just think of all the useless junk we can store away until the next moving day!

By the time I write to you again, I hope that we shall be moved into the new house. All of the carpentry work and plumbing has been done, but the painting and paper-hanging is only just beginning. Every day I go in and urge the workmen on to greater speed, but every day some new problem arises that holds up the work for awhile.

What a time we have had picking out the paper and deciding on color schemes for the painting! Honestly! I am glad that it isn't necessary to go through this every year, but oh, how happy I am that we are going through it this year. What a joy it will be to have a completely new home right next door to the church. The present parsonage as I may have told you, is about seven blocks from the church. Of course, we are moving one block farther from the water, but when we see so much of the water so much of the time, that won't be any disadvantage.

This has been a real old-fashioned New England winter. It is the first such winter that I have experienced here in Rhode Island. When you in the West have zero weather with a strong wind blowing across the plains, think of us out here in zero weather with the wind blowing in off the ocean. Believe me, it is cold! The waves dash against the rocks throwing spray high into the air, and then, before the spray ever hits the ground, it is turned into stinging ice. With all of that, we like the cold, for just as soon as we get a warm day we have the terrible fog, cold and clammy, that soaks right through the warmest garments. Sincerely, Frederick.



## IT'S WISE TO HAVE A FEW TRICKS UP YOUR SLEEVE WHEN THE KIDS ARE SICK

Every mother has heard a bored, sick child say "What can I do now?", "I don't want anything to eat.", "I don't wanna stay in bed anymore.", "I'm tired of this old puzzle." So why not be prepared for the time when your youngster is "down" and make this spell as easy as possible?

Here are a few suggestions for keeping the sick child amused, and "busy work" ideas for the convalescent.

1. Of first importance, if the child is confined to the sickroom, is a restful, cheerful atmosphere. Rapidly growing plants, or indoor dish gardens will please most little patients. If you do not have house plants on hand, then some quick growing seed (radish or lettuce) sprinkled on a dampened sponge, or in a pot of dirt will do the trick. Better yet, do you have one of the animal figurine planters? What fun to see something growing out of a donkey's back or from a fat old duck!

The bedfast child will love to look at a dish garden and the convalescent child can spend happy hours making one. Any shallow pan, or dish will do. After filling it with fine sand, tiny twig trees, mirror lakes, toy houses, miniature animal figures and even small slips from house plants can be arranged to make lovely scenes that please the patient's fancy.

2. One of the extra table boards placed across a child's bed, with the ends resting on the backs of two chairs, will make a very satisfactory bed table where the child can work with modeling clay, color books, etc. Or if the bed is too wide, find two small boxes to place on the bed and rest a board on that. A chair up-ended and placed so that the back can be padded with pillows, will make a fine substitute backrest for the patient.

3. Mother's clothespin bag can provide a lot of fun. With the addition of cut-out heads from magazines or catalogues, all sorts of animals or dolls can be made from the clothespins. Or for little girls, provide scraps of material, beads, feathers and thread, needle and scissors and let them dress clothespin dolls. With a bit of prompting from mother, the child can soon see the possibilities for building "loghouses", barns, etc. from the clothespins.

4. Speaking of clothespins, the pins and a line strung up across the bed, plus an assortment of doll clothes will delight a small youngster for they love to hang clothes "just like mother". Or they can cut garments from material in the scrap bag and then hang them up.

5. A trinket box, a comb and a hand mirror will be all that is needed to set a little girl to amusing herself for quite some time. Don't you have some old earrings, brooches, beads and bracelets, perhaps some large fancy buttons to string on yarn for necklaces or on elastic for bracelets, which you can gather up into a pretty box and keep ready just for the sick child?

6. Ever know a child who didn't like to "lick" or "stick" things? A small roll of scotch tape and a book of labels from the variety store will cost little in comparison to the hours of enjoyment it can bring to the small child. Give him some wrapping paper, a catalogue from which to cut pictures, his scissors and the "stick-ums" and watch him have fun!

7. Cookie cutters can provide entertainment by serving as patterns to trace around, or used to cut out modeling clay cookies and animals.

8. Paper sacks to make amusing masks are fun. Old yarn can be glued on for hair (perhaps braided into a pigtail). Extra sacks can be used to cut large ears or noses to glue on to the mask.

9. Sometimes getting the sick child to eat presents a real problem. It is then that we should get out our prettiest trays, napkins and company dishes—every kid enjoys feeling "special" and important! How about decorating plain paper napkins with amusing animal pictures, cut-outs, flowers, doll pictures, etc.?

A surprise game wrapped and labeled "to be opened when the tray is licked clean" will be an inspiration to eat. Or a little note taped to a bowl of custard or cereal reading "eat me and see what you find in the bottom of the bowl." Gum, a trinket, or candy can be folded in a piece of plastic and placed in the bowl. And what fun if Mother will say that she is coming to have a lunch or a tea party with the little sick one. Mother might bring along imaginary neighbors such as "Mrs. Black" or "Janey Williams" to join the party. First thing you know the extra soft foods, chocolate milk, fruit juices, etc., will all "be down the hatch" with nary a whine or whimper from the patient because it was all fun with mother. Sometimes a little girl will eat from her toy dishes when she would only turn up her nose at the regular everyday china.

10. Your old scraps of gift wrapping paper, crepe paper or construction paper can be used by the child to make paper chains or for weaving paper mats.

11. By providing the patient with a muffin pan (for change) small change or play money and some small cooking pans, plus small cans such as baby food comes in, he can play store or "shopping."

Of course you will be ready to read to the small child toward the end of the day and to help with puzzles and games. Do not overlook the radio and the phonograph as entertainment for the sick child.

—By Virginia Thomas

## LAW OF DIMINISHING RESTRICTIONS

From parental direction she suffered the worst.

(The first.)

With Junior we took a more lenient view.

(Number two.)

Andrew, the baby, is free as a bird. (He is the third!)

—Mildred Hoskinson

## MONEY-MAKING PLANS YOU MIGHT CONSIDER

FROM KANSAS: "We have thirty-five more or less active members in our Ladies Aid and are divided into three groups with a captain for each group.

Our regular schedule calls for two meetings a month, and at each meeting one group brings a covered dish of some kind and places it on a table. Everyone present who is interested can write on a slip of paper what he thinks the dish is worth to him, and these papers are placed underneath the object.

Our secretary reads off the slips at the conclusion of the meeting and the highest bidder gets the dish. By having only one group bring food to each meeting we are never left in the embarrassing position of having to take anything home, for if there are ten or twelve dishes and around thirty people to bid on those dishes, everything is sure to go.

This isn't a big money-producing scheme, of course, but over a seven months' period we made a total of \$70.00 for our treasury, and that amount was very important to us. Furthermore, many women were downright grateful to have the opportunity to buy something for their evening meal. We understand that this has been tried in quite a few places and is called "A Silent Auction", but after our experience with it we know that it works no matter what you call it."

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When our supper was over we placed a big bowl on the middle table and asked each family to drop in it a penny for each year of each member's age. You can imagine the noisy clinking of pennies as the ages were counted out, and the good-humored comments as the pennies were poured into the bowl. It's true that big families were harder hit than some others, but no one objected in the least and everyone said, when it was time to go home, that they'd had a happy evening and found it a painless way to raise money for paint."

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Frisivolous fluttery thing,  
Refused to live in the house I hung  
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On restless changeeful wing,  
Seeks for a heart that is fixed and true,  
For shelter from which to sing.

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## FROM MY DESK

By Leanna

QUES: "I enjoyed your discussion  
of mother-in-law and daughter-in-law  
problems in the January issue, but one  
very sore point of my own wasn't  
mentioned. We have four married  
children — one son lives on the west  
coast and the other son, as well as our  
two daughters, live right here in the  
same town. Although I'm not in very  
good health I do all of my own work  
in our nine room home, and it ex-  
asperates me to the breaking point  
when my two daughters and my daugh-  
ter-in-law come in with their children  
several times a week and leave my  
house completely torn up.

"My own children were taught to  
eat only in the kitchen between meals,  
but my grandchildren climb over up-  
holstered furniture with bread and  
jam, scatter cereal and cracker crumbs  
in a solid path from the kitchen to  
the living room, leave muddy overshoes  
on the carpet, and otherwise undo all  
of my cleaning in ten short minutes.  
I love my grandchildren, but they are  
so undisciplined and make so much  
unnecessary work that I hate to see  
them come.

"When I asked my own daughters  
to make the children eat in the kitchen  
they simply said: "Oh mother, you've  
gotten so cross and cranky." I  
wouldn't dare say anything to my  
daughter-in-law. Can you tell me what  
other women of my age do to cope  
with this problem?"—Nebr.

ANS: Well, I can tell you what *this*  
grandmother does! Everyone in our  
family knows that it's hard for me to  
clean, so it's understood that all eat-  
ing will be done in the kitchen. I  
think that this should be the case in  
every home. If your daughters and  
daughter-in-law won't be firm, then it's  
up to you to make the children under-  
stand that they are to stay in the kit-  
chen while they eat. You can also in-  
sist that they remove their overshoes  
before they come in. I fail to see why  
you should simply brood about this  
and get yourself into a resentful frame  
of mind when a little firm action  
would solve the problem.

May I add to all young mothers that  
the work you do lightly and almost  
unconsciously (such as sweeping up  
crumbs, wiping up jam, etc.) is hard  
work for older women, and that you  
should appreciate this fact and deter-  
mine to permit your children to do  
nothing that will increase your moth-  
er's burden? Be considerate; be kind.  
Let your children clearly understand  
that their grandparent's home is to be  
treated with respect, not torn through  
as though it were a barn.

It might interest you to know that  
I have had many letters on this sub-  
ject. It is a very sore point. I can-  
not imagine any problem more easily  
solved and therefore regret the gen-  
uine bitterness and resentment that is  
expressed by so many grandmothers.  
If the young mothers would read this  
seriously and take action, there would  
be many happier families. If, on the  
other hand, they refuse to see the  
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take to give a child only a nickname?  
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until my brother and his wife said  
that they were going to name their  
baby (if they have a boy) just Bud.  
I told them to think this over twice,  
but since she reads Kitchen-Klatter  
she'll take to heart anything that you  
say."—Mo.

ANS: I don't know that she'll take  
to heart anything that I say, but my  
opinion is that every child should be  
given a genuine Christian name. He  
can be "Bud" all right as far as every  
day life is concerned, yet for the long-  
range future he is entitled to a name  
that will at least give him more iden-  
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### YES, IT'S THE SAME BASSINET!

When Russell came home from Wayne's and Abigail's house with this picture of Clark in the bassinet, I told him that I wanted to use it in Kitchen-Klatter because I thought it would be of interest to other big families who pass around such items.

On a September day back in 1942 Russell, Dorothy and I went to buy the bassinet. We weren't going to need it until the end of February, you understand, but we were so happy about the coming baby that we wanted everything as soon as possible! Incidentally, we made up our birth announcements in December. Russell photographed this bassinet and printed it on the outside of a folded sheet of heavy photographic paper. On the inside I typed the following:

"This bassinet has been waiting patiently in our home since September, so at long last we are happy to tell you that it will be occupied by" . . . and then I left a blank. Directly underneath this I typed: "Cedars of Lebanon Hospital" and at the bottom: "At Home, 8268 Norton Avenue West, Hollywood, California. Russell and Lucile Verness."

I had all of the envelopes addressed and stamped, so on February 25th the only thing that Russell had to write in was: Juliana, 7 lbs., 8 oz.—and the date.

We moved the bassinet from Hollywood to Shenandoah — couldn't take it up to San Francisco when we moved there because it was in use by some friends. In our own family it has been used by Juliana, Kristin, Martin, Emily, Alison — and now Clark. Aside from this it has been used by two cousins and the babies of friends both here in Shenandoah and back in California. Certainly we've gotten our money's worth out of that bassinet! And it has a real sentimental value too — why, I just wouldn't dream of selling that bassinet because it's still sturdy enough for the next generation. —Lucile.

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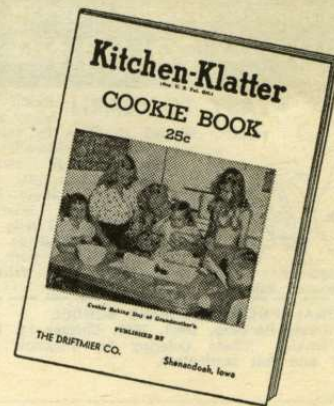
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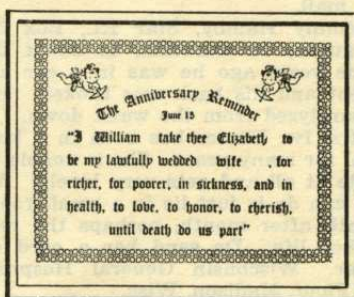
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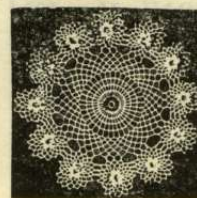
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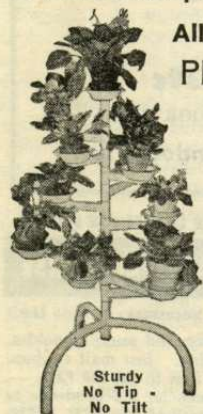
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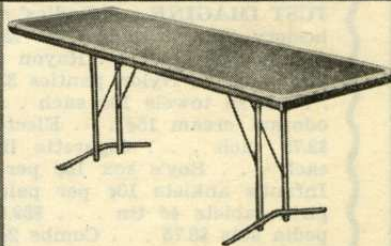
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